

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-30 are pending. In light of the amendments and following remarks, Applicant believes all the claims are in condition for allowance.

The § 103(a) Rejection of Claims 1-30

Claims 1-30 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,009,269, issued December 28, 1999 to Burrows et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,026,427, issued February 15, 2000 to Nishihara et al. Applicant believes the amendments to the claims overcome the rejection.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's attention to the claims and invention. The Examiner is quite correct that the underlying feature is that the thread is suspended for accessing a resource to which unsynchronized accesses can be performed (citing page 11, lines 3-28 and steps 501, 503 and 505 of FIG. 6). Although Applicant was attempting to highlight this by stating that the resource is available, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's suggestion and have amended the claims accordingly.

As now recited in the claims such as claim 1, the first thread is suspended for requesting to access a resource to which unsynchronized accesses can be performed. The Office Action states that the prior art of record does not disclose this feature (pages 6-7) so it is believed that the claims are patentably distinct over the cited art.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8693.

Respectfully submitted,

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